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TO : Chief, SE

DATE: 18 FEB 1957

FROM : Chief of ☐ *PSO*

SUBJECT: GENERAL— OBTEST/OBTUSE

SPECIFIC— Proposed PW Harrassment Campaign

Action Required: Headquarters comments and approval on the OBTEST/OBTUSE propaganda campaign described below.

Synopsis:

Proposal to have OBTEST/OBTUSE conduct a "Join-the Party" campaign to harass the Albanian Communist Party. Also proposed is a campaign to stress the point that we are not opposed to the ACP so much as we are to certain policies detrimental to Albanian interests and that HTNEIGH has no political ambitions but merely wants to present Albania's problem to the world.

1. We believe that a campaign by OBTEST/OBTUSE urging all Albanians to apply for membership in the Albanian Communist Party can be an effective harassment tactic against the regime. Should a sizeable number of Albanians persistently request admission into the Party ranks, the regime could be bogged down and would necessarily have to give out excuses as to why the great majority of applicants could not be admitted. This would in turn give us opportunity to charge the regime with injustices and nepotism in the selection of members. In addition the regime would become suspicious of the motives of all applicants for membership in the party regardless of their bona fides.

2. The general line we would adopt in trying to induce Albanians to become applicants for membership in the party would be to point out that at the present time violent means of changing the regime and bettering the lot of Albanians are out of the question. What is needed are peaceful and legal means. One of the best ways of securing desirable changes would be to have more patriotic and humanistic Albanians become members of the party and secure positions of influence whereby they can counteract the Moscow led clique.

☐ 3. We believe the above line is in agreement with Headquarters guidance of ☐ -11175, 30 December 1955, par. 6 which permits us to notify middle level Satellite bureaucracy that the US is not unalterably opposed to their continuance in power, but only to certain Communist policies which could be modified to meet US (and the Albanian people's) objections without serious harm to their essential interests. Such a "Join-the-Party" campaign could also be tied in with a campaign on the part of HTGRUBBY and the leaflets to convince the Albanian people that the Free World is not planning to return to power any of the old regimes or feudal beys but rather is ready to support any true nationalistic Albanian leaders who place

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Albania's interests before those of the Soviet Union. We would make it clear that the only function of HTNEIGH or any other emigre organization is to present Albania's problem to the world rather than subvert the Communist regime and seize power.

4. The National Communist radio which we hope to initiate in the near future can indirectly push this campaign by the use of appropriate "dark gray" type of propaganda, being careful to avoid any tie-in with HTGRUBBY. For example it could point out that what the party needs is new blood, and that membership into the party should not be based on nepotism but rather on ability and willingness to contribute to a truly socialistic and independent Albania, etc.

5. We are of course aware of the possibility of negative repercussions of a "Join-the-Party" campaign. For example some of the anti-Communist Albanians may resent our urging them into any sort of compromise with the ACP. For this reason we are continuing to study the matter and would appreciate Headquarters informing us of any similar campaign that may have been tried by other stations as well as advising us of the feasibility and value of such a campaign.

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